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KWANGTUNG AUTHORITIES OUTLINE AGRICULTURAL PLAN

AIM TO SECURE MAXIMUM PRODUCTION -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 22 Feb 50

Kuang-chou, 5 February -- Kwangtung Province authorities have outlined a plan to secure the maximum use of all agricultural lands of the province for the current agricultural season.

The main points of the plan are as follows:

1. All persons who receive a permit from local authorities to begin cultivation of ownerless plots of wasteland will remain in occupation and will be exempted from payment of the public grain assessment for a period of 5 years. Those cultivating previously cultivated lands will be exempt for 3 years.
2. Local officials will make a careful investigation of tools and labor available for the cultivation of such lands so as to avoid any failure to secure the best possible results from cultivation. Mountain slopes of over 30 percent grade should be planted with trees rather than cultivated because of the danger of erosion.
3. All ranks of government officials, in addition to giving general assistance to the peasants, should give special attention to the families of poor war or labor heroes and arouse the community to aid them, as well as extending loans for the purchase of equipment and animals. Animal and labor pools should be organized.
4. In preparation for securing the best results from the use of the land during the coming season, certain preparations should be made early, such as: (a) mobilize the people to repair dikes and barriers, (b) mobilize all animals for winter plowing; (c) urge men, women, and children to gather manure and prepare fertilizers; (d) make certain that full supplies of seeds are available; (e) protect all agricultural animals from disease and prevent slaughter or export; (f) see that agricultural implements are put in shape for use and promote winter side-line activities.

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5. Except for the elimination of special agents and evil landlords, no other immediate land-reform changes will be made this season lest agricultural production be interfered with. Private arrangements for hiring labor, lending and borrowing, mutual arrangements on interest rates, etc., will be undisturbed. Land belonging to landlords who have fled and public lands will be managed by the authorities above the rank of district (ch'u) officials.

6. Present cultivators will continue to cultivate the same lands and tenants will not be dispossessed on the pretext of land reform.

7. Rents and interests for this year will be reduced in accordance with regulations to be promulgated by the provincial authorities.

KUANG-CHOU ESTABLISHES FOOD-CONTROL AGENCY -- Wen-hui Pao, 31 Jan 50

The Kuang-chou Food Corporation, a subsidiary of the Municipal Trade Corporation, has begun operations as of 28 January 1950. The corporation will control the supplying of foodstuffs to municipal consumers and will be in charge of stabilizing prices. Branches to handle both retail and wholesale sales are being established in thickly populated districts of the city. In making purchases, both individuals and representatives of government agencies, factories, and such groups must show proper identification. Prices of the various items sold at the branches will be posted daily.

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